has been continued in terms of Government of India resolution dated 09.09.2004. However, the National Commission for Scheduled Castes enjoys a constitutional status.

(c) and (d) The NCSK has so far submitted six reports. Four reports have already been laid on the table of both Houses with Action Taken Memoranda.

Caste -based discrimination at AIIMS

3003. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Minister is aware of the caste- based discrimination and harassment of students and doctors at AIIMS;

(b) if so, the action taken by Govern ment;

(c) whether the officials responsible have been identified and punished;

(d) whether the Director of the Institute is a party to such discrimination;

and

(e) if so, the action contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (e) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has con stituted a Committee under the chairmanship of Prof. Sukha Deo Thorat, Chairman University Grants Commission to look into the complaints from Members of Parliament,,media reports and other representations on the alleged harassment to SC/ST students in All India Institute of Medical Sciences.

Grants-in-aid for NGOs/voluntary organisations

3004. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of grants-in-aid released to NGOs/voluntary organisations in Uttar Pradesh under various programmes/schemes for SCs, STs, OBCs and physically challanged categories during the last two years;